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28, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1910.

Public Companies

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on SATURDAY, 5th February, 1910, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1909, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 31st January, until SATURDAY, the 5th February, 1910, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1910. [115]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 7th February, 1910, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, the 3rd February, to MONDAY, the 7th February (both days inclusive); during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.
Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1910. [139]

HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 6TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, St. George's Building, No. 6 Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, 12th February, 1910, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1909, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 7th February, to SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1910, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1910. [151]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th day of February, 1910, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1909.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 7th February, to SATURDAY, the 19th February, 1910 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1910. [140]

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&c., &c., &c.

Inspection invited.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1910. [53]

Dentistry.

Dr. M. H. CHAUN,

DENTAL SURGEON,

33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 1ST FLOOR,

ROOMS 2 and 3.

From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1910. [5]

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Hongkong, 29th January, 1910. [1]

ANNUAL BULLION LETTER.

The following report for the year 1909 is issued by Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co. on December 31st.

GOLD.

The year opened with a good demand for bar gold from France and the price rose from 77s 10d to 77s 10 1/2d on January 1st, falling rapidly from that until January 25, when the Bank of England price came into the market.

The minimum of 77s 9d was touched on January 29, and the Bank secured the great bulk of the arrivals until the beginning of April, when Australia became a purchaser and maintained the price a fraction above the minimum.

Early in May some competition from France raised the quotation to 77s 9 1/2d. Towards the close of this month the price again eased to 77s 9d, and the Bank had the field practically to itself until mid-July, when Austria re-entered the market without raising the price.

In mid-September a strong Russian demand, consequent on large cereal crops and railway loans, rushed the price up to 77s 11 1/2d, the highest quotation of the year. This demand prevailed until, at the beginning of October, France and Germany took up the running.

Meanwhile, withdrawals of sovereigns from the middle of September on, had been made for Egypt and South America on an increasingly large scale. As at the same time bar gold was being exported to the Continent, the Bank of England raised its official rate of discount from 3 per cent, at which it had remained from April 1st, to 3 1/2 per cent on October 7, and to 4 per cent and 5 per cent in each successive week.

Falling the desired result of attracting gold from abroad, the Bank decided to compete for the bar gold from the Cape, and thus to strengthen its position until control was regained and gold flowed in from France and Holland.

The necessary effect being produced at last, the Bank directors reduced the rate to 4 1/2 per cent, on December 9, and from that date neither influx nor efflux call for special comment.

About the end of November, the amount of India Council Bills and T. T. proved insufficient to meet the demand for remittances to India, and the Exchange Banks were compelled to ship large quantities of sovereigns from London, Egypt and the Continent.

The average price works out somewhat lower than that of the preceding year:

77s 9 3/4d against 77s 10d per ounce Standard.

SILVER.

A retrospect of the year is singularly uninteresting in regard to price. During the first four months the monthly average of the cash quotation kept within the narrow limit of about five eighths of a penny—23s 2 1/2d and 23s 3 1/4d—and those of the concluding six months—23s 3 1/2d and 24s 0 1/2d—show a slightly wider difference. The highest prices of the year were reached in the remaining two months, May and June, the averages for which were 24s 3 1/2d and 24s 1 1/2d respectively.

The highest quotation of the year was 24 1/2d on May 5, the lowest 23 1/4d on three dates, viz: March 4, October 26 and 30; the net difference between the highest and lowest of the year is therefore 1 1/4d.

During seven months the average forward price was slightly below that for cash. The difference between the two daily prices was rarely large except in the early part of January, when the cash stood for a week or so—3 1/2d to 5 1/2d higher than the forward price.

Not only does a general view of prices reveal the narrow limits within which the quotation moved, but we notice that in certain periods fluctuation ceased entirely, and an absolute record for immobility in recent times was created in August, when the price stood at 23 1/2d for 8 successive working days.

It is a curious fact that, notwithstanding this remarkable rigidity of price, the year has been prolific in business, with the turnover unusually large, and at the very time the pointer rested in August at 23 1/2d, transactions were on quite a substantial scale.

More or less throughout the year there has been a prolonged contest between India and China; this appears to be the chief reason for the exceptional stability of price.

Owing to excessive imports into China in preceding years, merchants were encumbered with goods, and fresh imports were very small until the then existing stocks became absorbed.

Meanwhile, the exchange being one-sided, the Foreign Banks were compelled to import silver, or more frequently to purchase forward silver, so as to adjust the balance of trade, and in consequence the stock of silver, etc., at Shanghai rose until a record figure of 31,000,000 oz. was reached on October 18. At the same time the stock in Bombay amounted to 15,000,000 oz. and in London 2,000,000 oz. besides another 4,000,000 oz. on the sea.

It must be noted in regard to the Bombay stock that a portion of the China forward purchases in the London market had been fed by sales on the part of Indian operators, who were thus able to hold much of the large stock of silver in Bombay—protected from any serious fall in price—and to create, or avail themselves of, differences in their favour between the London and Indian prices.

They have also a distinct bearing on the output in recent years from Ontario. It is not reasonable to suppose that the yearly increase from this quarter will now be so great, for the area involved, though large, is limited in extent, and many mines are now in full working operation. It is fair to assume from the remarkable steadiness of the price during the year, in spite of such addition to the world's supply, that the world's consumption, barring disastrous crops in the East, is likely to keep pace with any reasonable increase from that quarter, and so fall in value need be expected specially from that cause.

Some confident anticipation must exist in the minds of Indian operators, who have held the large stock of about 17,000 bars throughout

the period of the year when money was most dear, that the inquiry for silver will not only prove sufficient for the absorption of such stocks, but lead to an enhanced demand in the near future.

Should this be founded on hopes of Indian Government orders, we can hardly look for anything like their effect in the years 1907 to 1909 when, in consequence of forced buying for Indian currency, the quotation rose 25 per cent above the level of 1903. Two causes must militate against such a result: The existence of large stocks, and a more cautious policy on the part of the Indian Government to avoid such excessive purchases as were made on the last occasion. Should next year's Monsoon be good, the reduction in the currency reserves may make purchases on Government account not impossible towards the end of 1910.

Neither Europe nor America have been active purchasers in 1909, although trade conditions have been fairly good; probably a freer demand for coinage can be looked for the coming year.

We append a few statistics.

MONTHLY AVERAGES.		
	Cash.	1 Mos.
January.....	23.834	23.661
February.....	23.705	23.677
March.....	23.226	23.264
April.....	23.708	23.711
May.....	24.342	24.333
June.....	24.166	24.168
July.....	23.518	23.530
August.....	23.587	23.585
September.....	23.744	23.735
October.....	23.502	23.572
November.....	23.351	23.428
December.....	24.030	24.045
Average for the year based on the above.		
Cash—23.726.	2 mos.—23.7.	

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1900. [40]

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STAND and ENCLOSURE may be

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(excluding the Off-Day), or \$3 per day. Tickets

for the Off-Day, \$2.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be

shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1910. [152]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of

the presence of the LADIES at the

GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE

during the Races, 15th, 16th, 17th and 19th inst.

A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for

Members and Members' Wives and Families.

Tickets for which will be sent out with the

Members' Tickets on the 7th inst.

All Tickets must be produced to gain

admission.

Special accommodation will be reserved as

in recent years for Chinese Ladies and their

Female Attendants in the Stand erected on the

plot of ground next to the Lusitano Club Stand.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1910. [153]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO CHILDREN under the age of 14 years

will be admitted into the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1910. [154]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on

application to the Undersigned on

SATURDAY, 12th, and MONDAY, 14th

inst.

No Servants will be allowed inside the

ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the

Race day WITHOUT TICKETS, which can

be had on application to the Undersigned.

These Tickets are only available for servants

while in attendance on their employers or when

on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with

Servants' passes in their possession, will forfeit

them and the holders thereof will be removed

from the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1910. [155]

NOTICE.

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and
KOWLOON DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1910. (28)

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BIRTH.

At Shanghai, on the 3rd inst., the wife of
GEO. HUTTON POTTS, of a son. (16)

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1910.

ANGLO-MALAY PROSPECTS:

FUTURE WELL ASSURED.

It has fallen to the lot of few companies to start with a future so well assured as did the Anglo-Malay Rubber Company, Limited, the career of which has been one of almost phenomenal success since the venture was launched in 1905. In the first place, the company took over from the late Mr. Brett a number of estates, aggregating 6,331 acres, upon part of which were planted 206,000 trees of which 250 were aged from sixteen to twenty years, 6,422 from eight to fifteen years, 6,081 seven years, 34,150 six years, 34,615 five years, 3,561 four years, and 120,000 three years and under. The company was thus in the fortunate position of being in an advanced stage of production from the commencement. Secondly, the directorate was an exceptionally strong one, consisting of Sir Frank A.

Swettenham, K. C. M. G., J. E. A. Dick Lauder, J. Lloyd Austriker, Charles Denby, Arthur Lampard, and Herbert Wilfred Brett, which combination remained unbroken until death removed the last-named gentleman a short time ago.

The capital of the company was, as now, £150,000, and was divided into 150,000 shares of £1 each; but the first issue was for 140,000 shares only, of which 46,500 were issued to the vendor as fully paid in part payment of the purchase price (which was fixed at £97,500) and 93,500 were offered for public subscription and the proceeds of 42,000 set aside for working capital. The vendor had the right to apply for and be allotted the 10,000 unissued shares at par or, before January 31, 1907, and the balance-sheet for the year 1907 showed this right as having been exercised. A resolution for splitting the £1 shares into 2s. descriptions was passed at an extraordinary general meeting held on August 16 of the present year, and the shares were dealt in for the first time in their new form on August 24.

From the time they came into power the directors pursued a vigorous policy of extension. The total area planted at the time the property was taken over was 1,665 acres, but during the year 1906 as many as 1,178 acres of the reserve were planted. This programme was practically complete during 1907 by the planting of 470 acres, when the total number of trees (including recent plantings) had reached about 507,000. The additional planting of a few patches in 1908 brought the total cultivated area up to 1,354 acres.

To turn to the results achieved by the company, the compilers of the prospectus were singularly conservative in setting their dividend estimates for the years 1906, 1907, and 1908 at an average of 10 per cent. per annum, as will be seen in the following actual payments:

* 1906 1907 1908 1909
18% 20% 3% 25%
† Two quarterly interim dividends of 10 per cent. actual.

* Fourteen months.
The gentlemen responsible for the crop-figures of the company year by year have borne out the general reputation of rubber plantation companies in point of under-estimation, as is evidenced in the appended tables:

Estimated crop.....	33,000	150,000
Actual crop	100,919	234,778
Excess of estimate	47,019	74,778
	1908	1909
Estimated crop.....	325,000	430,000
Actual crop.....	350,668	463,731
Excess of estimate.....	25,668	—

† For the eleven months ended November 30.

* Original estimate. The revised official estimate is 470,000 lbs.

* Fourteen months.
As compared with the high level at which the raw material has stood for some time past, the prices obtained by the company have been in no way startling, that for 1906 having been 4s 11s 2/3d; for 1907 3s 9d; and for 1908 4s 2d, or an average over the three years for which details are available of 4s 3 1/2d.

As above shown, two interim payments, amounting to 25 per cent. have already been paid for the current year, but no reliable estimate of the dividend for the full period can be made, owing to the company having sold forward. In addition, it is only reasonable for shareholders to expect—in view of the easier turn which rubber has taken from the record prices of the present year—that the directors will take the opportunity of placing a substantial amount to reserve. If, however, the total crop, be fixed approximately at 508,000, it will be seen that with the exceedingly moderate profit of only 4s per pound, there will be available a sum sufficient to pay a dividend of 60 per cent. for the year and permit an allocation of £100,000 to reserve.

The results achieved up to the present, it may be pointed out, have been derived entirely from the original planted area of 1,665 acres; so that, with all due allowance for a considerable fall in the price of rubber at some future date, the prospects of the company appear to be well assured.—Financial News.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A BOATMAN was this morning fined \$7 for overloading his sampan.

THERE was hardly any business transacted at the Supreme Court to-day.

THE Chinese Government is protesting against Japan's constructing a bridge across the Yalu River.

WE have received a data block from the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Messrs. Melchers & Co. Hongkong agents.

An Aeroplan Association, for the promotion of the study of airships and flying machines, has been established at Tokio.

A NUMBER of Chinese merchants have presented a petition to the Shanghai Municipal Council begging it to use its influence with the house-owners to reduce the present ruinously high rents in the Settlement.

Mrs. Flett, wife of Captain Flett of Tientsin, died at Tientsin on January 24. Mrs. Flett was a daughter of the Spanish Minister at Peking.

A DANISH adviser to the Chinese Imperial Posts, Peking, has applied for naturalization papers. The application is said to be the first recorded in China.

DOMESTIC bonds to the amount of ¥ 100,000,000 will be issued shortly in Japan for the conversion of the four per cent bonds. The bonds will be issued at ¥ 95.

THE other day, while Mr. J. A. Lyon, belonging to the Sanitary Department, was asleep at his residence, some thief or thieves entered his house and stole therefrom a silver cup and some medals. The Police are investigating.

HARON George Julius de Reuter, a director of Reuter's Telegram Company, of the Anglo-Japanese Bank, and chairman of the Korean Water-works, second surviving son of the late famous news agency, left estate valued at £13,800.

ARCHBOLD Service, third officer of the steamer *Springhill*, who won several thousand rupees in the big sweepstake for the Viceroy's Cup, fell into a coal hatch at Calcutta, being overcome with joy, and was killed. The money will be sent to his family.

A PAPER on "The Development of Chinese Writing" was read by Mr. L. C. Hopkins at the monthly meeting of the China Society, held in Caxton Hall, Westminster, on the 13th ult. Mr. L. D. Barnett, Litt. D., Keeper of Oriental Printed Books and MSS. at the British Museum, presided.

THE foreign population of Harbin has increased by leaps and bounds during the last few years, and at present consists, in round numbers, of 19,600 Russians, 800 Japanese, 600 Austrians, 250 Greeks, 100 Germans, 18 Frenchmen, 17 Americans, 8 British, 6 Italians and 4 Swedes.

AT the Literary Club Kennedy Road this evening, a lecture will be delivered by Mr. C. G. Alabaster on "Ujuri". The chair will be taken at 9 p.m. sharp, and as the subject is a very interesting one, a large attendance is expected. Owing to the China New Year holidays, the meeting arranged for next Thursday, 10th inst., has been altered to Monday, the 14th, which members are requested to please note.

A DESPERATE riot on the Genting estate in the Asahan district of Deli resulted in loss of life on December 27th. The estate was to be closed at the end of the year, and the Chinese coolies, about 250 in number, beat the manager, and demanded their pay. The manager, sent for the police who, on arrival, were attacked by the coolies with knives and clubs. The police then fired upon the mob. Two coolies were killed and five were wounded. Upon this, the rioters broke and fled.

FURIOUS fighting, in which two or three hundred wildly excited Chinese and Japanese participated, marked the conclusion of the annual football games between the two Oriental teams of San Francisco recently. A Japanese was badly hurt, and more than a score received minor injuries. The firing of a pistol started a panic among those in the grounds. The trouble arose over possession of the ball. According to statements of bystanders, a Chinese struck one of the Japanese players over the head with his umbrella and in an instant the field was filled by hundreds of enraged Orientals, battling furiously.

ANOTHER OPIUM SEIZURE.

HEAVY FINES AT THE MAGISTRACY.

Chief Excise Officer Hogganah again had two Chinese before Mr. E. R. Hallifax, First Police Magistrate, this morning, on a charge of having in their possession 124 tins of prepared opium. His Worship was informed that the men belonged to a gang of smugglers who had for some time been carrying on an illegal trade in the drug between Hongkong and Kowloon. On information received a number of excise officers executed a raid at No. 1, Wo On Lane, where they found a considerable quantity of labels, stamps, printing dies, etc., similar to those used by the Opium Farmer. These were at once seized and at the Magistrate's morning each of the defendants was mulcted in the sum of \$500. In this connection, it may be interesting to note that it was only last week that a fine of \$100 was imposed on one of the defendants for a similar offence. We understand that the gang in question engaged in the nefarious practice has been broken up, but one of the members is still at large.

ALLEGED SEDUCTION OF
A GIRL.

YOUNG WOMAN WOULD FOLLOW HER
SWEETHEART TO GAOL.

A somewhat peculiar case engaged the attention of Mr. E. R. Hallifax, First Police Magistrate, this afternoon, when a Chinese youth was placed in the dock for the alleged seduction of a girl under the age of eighteen. The man explained to the Magistrate that he was willing to pay the girl's mother the sum of \$100 for her daughter and that all parties were agreeable to this arrangement. "It is needless to remark that the Magistrate said the defendant could not do that. It appears that the matter was brought to the notice of the Registrar-General, who is also Protector of Chinese, who directed the proceedings to be instituted. When the parties concerned appeared at the Magistrate's this afternoon, the girl was heard to remark that she was ashamed to return to her parents and that if her sweetheart went to gaol, she would go with him. The case was remanded.

KULANGSU (AMOI) IN 1909.

MUNICIPAL C.C. CILLORS' MEETING.

Minutes of the annual meeting of the ratepayers, held at the Board Room, Kulangsu, on the 28th January, 1910.

Present:—Messrs. J. H. Arnold, G. W. Barton, R. H. Bruce, (G. F. Haslam, proxy), Rt. Revd. Mgr. Clements (Rt. Revd. Father C. Arnsperg, proxy), G. Carlsson, W. Davies, S. J. Deeks, J. D. Edwards, F. H. Edwards, J. S. Fenwick, F. W. Fowler, H. Goltwaldt, G. F. Haslam, Jensen, W. Kruse, C. Lee, Dr. J. Moorhead, J. Mancini, Dr. C. Metz (Chairman), J. P. Mosley, N. D. Mudie, M. B. Nilsson, J. Noble, J. N. Ollie, P. Polotti (J. Mancini, proxy), Dr. A. Rasag, G. H. M. Robertson, L. A. Sclerod, E. Stevens, L. I. Thomas, B. G. Tours, K. Toudzabara, Miss Usher, J. C. Vier, Revd. G. M. Wales, W. H. Wallace, C. Whitfield and others.

Dr. C. Metz, Consul for Germany and Senior Consul, was in the chair.

There being no objection to the Chairman's proposal that Mr. Berkeley Mitchell be asked to act as secretary to the meeting he was requested to read the notice convening the meeting.

Mr. W. H. Wallace, Chairman of the 1909 Council, addressed the meeting as follows:—Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.—The report and accounts have been in your hands for some days and give you practically all the information you require. There are, however, a few points on which I should like to touch: and first the question of the Council engaging a visiting nurse for the community. The Health Officer proposes that the visiting nurse should be paid a salary of \$75 per month; that she should reside at the Chinese Hospital at Amoy (where she would exercise a supervision over the hospital at those times when she was not occupied with her nursing duties amongst the community) and thus save the cost of the ratepayers providing her with a house—but her services will be understood to be firstly at the disposal of the Council—that the hospital provide sampan; that the fees be \$5 per day for ratepayers and \$7 per day for non-ratepayers; for outdoor Customs staff \$3 per day; that non-residents—such as missionaries and others—desiring attendance must come and live on Kulangsu and pay extra fee of \$7 per day, but this not to imply that the nurse must attend to only that one case; all fees to be recovered by the Council; the nurse to be first at the service of ratepayers, that she also attend Chinese ratepayers, and that she be not allowed to take up cases outside of Kulangsu. You will note that we have included in our Budget the sum of \$700 to meet the cost of the visiting nurse and as by our arrangement all fees earned by her are recovered by the Council this amount we think should be ample. I understand we can obtain the services of Miss Kraneberg and I venture to think you will agree with me that this will be a very good move in the right direction. You will note that we carry forward the sum of \$1,730.01 and that this shows a loss of \$265 odd on the year's working, but when you examine the accounts you will see that during the year we expended \$2,765 on the balance payments due on account of new buildings, so that the result as a whole may be taken as satisfactory, and it is due in no small measure to the attention to detail and conscientious work of our secretary, Mr. Mitchell. \$1,000 of this sum you will have noted we propose to apply to a sinking fund for the redemption of our debentures. Finally, a word as to the composition of the Council. We are at present five only. Mr. Wilson, an energetic and most useful councillor, resigned in December last on his departure for Europe, and the annual meeting being so near, we did not fill up his place in the meantime. You are to-day called upon to vote for six councillors while there are seven nominations, and that we have to hold an election is, I think, a matter for congratulation inasmuch as it demonstrates that there exists a healthy and genuine interest in Municipal affairs.

Before the accounts were brought forward for passing, the Chairman desired to know whether any ratepayer wished to ask any questions.

Mr. Barton: In expenditure 1909, item new coal and municipal buildings, \$7,605. What is this for and why was no provision made for this payment in Budget 1909?

Mr. Wallace: The sum of \$2,534 is a further payment to the contractor for the new coal and municipal building. This amount was mentioned in the chairman's speech last year, and on reference to the balance sheet for 1908 it will be seen that \$1,800 is shown as due to the contractor, and in the balance sheet for 1909 there is shown \$100 as still due to the contractor.

Mr. Barton: Expenditure 1909. General charges \$627.24. Police charges \$164.94. What are the principal items comprising these accounts?

Mr. Wallace: General charges \$627.24. The principal items are as follows: Cost of dog mounds (part of which was recovered and is credited under "Dog Licenses") \$127.72; Coal \$125.00; Postage, by tey cash and sampan hire \$106.14; Cost of burying unknown dead bodies found on sea shore \$92.61; watchman for tennis lawn pavilion runs \$71; Subscription to "Amoy Gazette" \$24; Tubs for shooting dogs \$11.20; Branding iron for cattle \$17.91; Telegrams \$16.72; Ammunition for shooting dogs \$14.73; leaving a balance of \$116.80 made up of numerous small sums. Police charges \$164.94. The principal items asked for are as follows:—Oil \$141; Firewood \$126; Medicines \$106; Repairs to barrack furniture, &c. \$41; leaving a balance made up of sundry small payments amounting to \$55.04.

Mr. Barton: Expenditure 1909. Item for the Registrar-General, \$1,736.74. In the Budget for 1909, the sum of \$7,000 was voted including \$3,000 for an assistant secretary. As we only had an assistant secretary for six months, how was the difference, say \$1,100, expended?

Mr. Wallace: The salary of the assistant secretary was fixed at \$100 per month, and in being added to the Budget for 1909 the

sum of \$1,000 for this purpose the Council realized that it would take from four to six months to obtain an assistant, so only roughly six months' salary and expenses was allowed for. The amount the assistant secretary actually cost, roughly \$1,774, was made up as follows:—Salary \$1,200, passage, &c. \$574. Cost of advertising \$143. The secretary's engagement expired on the 31st May, and your Council re-engaged him for a further term of three years at a salary of \$510 per month, and that accounts for the balance of \$550.

Mr. Arnold then proposed, seconded by Mr. Barton, that the accounts for 1909 be passed. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Council's proposal to engage a visiting nurse, on six months' probation, be approved. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Barton desired, before the Budget for 1910 was put to the meeting, to have read a minute of a former annual meeting of ratepayers at which it was decided that the cost of the secretariat should not exceed a certain sum.

The Chairman, after examining the minute book, said as much minute could be found:

The Chairman proposed, seconded by Mr. Thomas, that the Budget for 1910 be passed. Carried unanimously.

The following gentlemen offered themselves as councillors for 1910:—Messrs. J. S. Fenwick, W. Kruse, C. Lee, J. Mancini, L. I. Thomas, K. Toudzabara, and W. H. Wallace, and on a ballot being taken, the following were elected: Messrs. W. H. Wallace, W. Kruse, J. Mancini, J. S. Fenwick, C. Lee, and K. Toudzabara.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Wallace, and seconded by Mr. Mancini, was carried unanimously.

(Signed), DR. METZ,

H. I. G. M.'s Consul and Senior Consul.

Chairman.

C. BERKELEY MITCHELL,

Secretary to the meeting.

TRIAD SOCIETY SQUABBLE.

FIGHT ENDS IN TWO MEN'S ARREST.

Shortly after eleven o'clock last night, Jardine's Bazaar was the scene of a serious quarrel between two men who are supposed to belong to that boisterous of discontent known as the Triad Society. It appears that the men had some argument over some money, which soon developed into a heated altercation, in the course of which one of them was savagely attacked by his comrade and sustained a nasty gash in the region of the skull. The other man, who had by this time become infuriated, retaliated by stabbing his assailant in the side with a knife. Some time later, the body of the latter victim was found lying in a prostrate condition on Jardine's wharf and the part where the injuries had been received was found to be bleeding profusely. Someone had tied a silk sash round the wound, which appeared to somewhat staunch the flow of blood from the wound. The Police have arrested both men, who will be charged before a Magistrate as soon as they have sufficiently recovered from the effects of their wounds.

A COLLIERY RIOT.

London, Jan. 28.

Rioting has occurred at Horden, a village in Durham, partly on account of the election, but partly due to a local strike.

The Unionist headquarters and the residence of the colliery owner were wrecked. The colliery proprietor fired at a youth, who was struck by some pellets and had to be taken to hospital. The rioters then threw a motor-car belonging to the manager of the colliery over a cliff. The police charged the mob with their batons, but afterwards, the rioters set fire to the colliery club-house, which was gutted.—N. C. D. News.

THE INDIAN WITNESS.

SHANGHAI JUDGES DIFFICULTY.

The Acting Assistant Judge (Mr. A. Lindsey Smith) is experiencing the same difficulty that confronts all officials in India when Indians are called upon to give evidence in Court, says the N. C. D. News of 24th ult. Yesterday a case was before him in which one Indian sought to recover from another the sum of \$150, which the plaintiff alleged that he had lent to the defendant. The defence was a complete denial of the charge; and it was further stated that defendant lent the money to the plaintiff. During the hearing of the case the plaintiff in the evidence said that he had lent the money to the defendant, and produced receipts for goods he had sold in order to raise the necessary amount. His Lordship having heard the denial from defendant's Counsel, asked the witness whether he would solemnly swear that the amount was advanced by him to the defendant. The defendant swore that it was. A witness for the defence was called, but before he gave his evidence his Lordship said that as far as he could see the case must end in one side or the other being prosecuted for perjury. The witness, he said, must understand that he was there to speak the truth. He was not to let any feelings of friendship sway him. If the witness had gone there to tell lies, he would probably find that he would see the inside of the Consular Gaol. His Lordship continued, that in all the Indian cases that he had tried in Shanghai, one side or the other must have committed perjury; but he was determined to put a stop to it. "Now," his Lordship concluded, "let us start fair." This witness gave his evidence, and stated that he saw the defendant pay the money over to the plaintiff. When told that the plaintiff had said the opposite, the witness replied that the plaintiff would say anything for \$2. Later on the plaintiff testified that if he had \$50 he could obtain one hundred witnesses. His Lordship said that he hoped that that was not true.

THE VOLUNTARY MOVEMENT.

A GOVERNMENT INQUIRY.

During the past few days Government has circulated British firms in Hongkong desiring information as to the number of officers of British race in each firm who have already served at home or elsewhere (a) in the regular Army, (b) in the Volunteers, and the length of such service. The inquiry calls for information also as regards the number of officers of British race who have never undergone any military service.

The purpose of the official questions is not stated in the circular letter, and the question has been heard propounded: Does the Hongkong Government contemplate conscription?

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 2nd February.

At 240 a.m. on the 1st inst. a fire broke out at No. 48, Fo Wah Street in the Western suburb. At the time of the outbreak, there was a stiff north wind blowing, so that within a short space of time, the conflagration assumed serious dimensions. Residents in the neighbouring streets were for a while greatly alarmed, as the fire threatened to spread to their houses. Though the different fire brigades, in answer to the alarm raised, promptly proceeded to the scene of the fire to render assistance, it was not got under control until after fully two hours had elapsed and ten buildings destroyed, while several others were damaged by sparks and water. The origin of the fire is said to be the upsetting of a kerosene oil lamp. Almost all the buildings burnt were insured with the native co-operative insurance companies.

VILLAGE FIGHT.

On the 31st ultimo a fight took place at Shek Wan between the village militiamen and some gamblers over a certain money dispute. During the melee, three persons were killed and over a dozen others were more or less injured.

GANG ROBBERY.

About 11.50 a.m. yesterday a number of robbers managed to enter a shop at No. 15 Tal Hong Street in the Southern suburb under the pretence of being visitors. When they got into the premises, they confined all the shop people, seven in number, in one room and tied them up together by their queues which were securely bound with wire in order to prevent any one of them from raising an alarm or to escape before the robbers could get safely away. The robbers ransacked the premises and carried away valuables said to be worth about a thousand dollars, in addition to a sum of about seven hundred taels in cash. The robbers left the shop nearly two hours before the outrage could be made known and reported to the police.

THE COMET.

SICAWEE OBSERVATORY REPORT.

Sicawei Observatory reports as follows:—The phenomenon was observable at Sicawei notwithstanding the cloudiness of the sky. Its tail is towards the E—it is losing as much as eight minutes within the twenty-four hours, on the movement of the stars. If it continues in the same direction and if the tails goes on developing, the display will be quite extraordinary.

The two chief papers at Tientsin, the *Peking & Tientsin Times* and the *China Times*, consider the appearance of the recently observed comet of sufficient importance to devote considerable space to speculation whether it is Halley's or some other comet. A correspondent, described as a local scientist, wrote to the first mentioned paper on January 24 questioning the accuracy of the statement that it was Halley's comet that had been seen. He said that Halley's comet should appear in the opposite quarter of the heavens and continues: "For it to appear suddenly in the sunlit quarter of the heavens one night, not having been approximately in the same place the night before, or the week before and there again the following night and week, is an impossibility."

The *London and China Express* announces the marriage, on January 4, of Frank, son of the late Mr. A. Cunha, of Shanghai, to Miss Frances Mary Simpson Wilson.

FROM San Francisco comes news of the death of Mr. Tarrion Ogden Mills, the well-known octogenarian banker and philanthropist, who, from a small clerkship, rose to become one of the foremost and wealthiest of America's men of business. He was the father-in-law of the American Ambassador in London, Mr. Whitelaw Reid, and leaves, according to one estimate, a fortune of \$12,000,000.

A SOMEWHAT serious accident occurred on the Nanking Road at noon yesterday, as the result of a collision between a tram-car and a pony and dog-cart belonging to Mr. A. J. Hughes, of the China Mutual Life Insurance Co., Ltd., reports the N. C. D. News of 29th ult. Mr. Hughes, accompanied by his wife, was driving along the Nanking Road in a westerly direction when passing an obstruction in the road, where the Municipal Council's workmen are executing repairs, the pony shied and, after swerving to the right, refused to proceed. The pony and dog-cart were right in the path of tram-car No. 37, which was bearing down on them, and although a Sikh constable signalled to the motor-man to stop and the emergency brakes were applied at once, a collision was unavoidable. The pony was knocked down and Mr. Hughes was thrown out of the dog-cart and underneath the car, but escaped with no more serious injury than a dislocated shoulder. Mrs. Hughes was also thrown out of the dog-cart, but was unhurt. "We understood that Mr. Hughes attaches no blame to the motor-man of the tram-car."

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Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, either Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. "Coladonia", due in London on 18th March, 1910.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Consignees and Values of all Packages are recorded.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HAWETT, Superintendant.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1910.

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, ROTTERDAM AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"CARMARTHENSHIRE,"

Captain W. Gregory, will be despatched as above about 21st February.

For Freight or Passage apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1910.

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, ROTTERDAM AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"WELSH PRINCE,"

will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 8th March, 1910.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1910.

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STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steel Steamers

"KWONG TUNG" Capt. R. W. Walker.

"KWONG SAI" Capt. E. S. Crowe.

Leave Hongkong for Canton at 9 every evening, (Saturday excepted).

Leave Canton for Hongkong at 5.30 every evening, (Sunday excepted).

These fine Steamers, owned by Chinese capitalists and Officer by Europeans, are second to none on the River. Excellent accommodation for eighteen First Class Passengers. The Steamers are lit throughout by Electricity. Electric Fans in State Rooms.

Passage Fare—Single Journey—\$4.

Meals—\$1.25 each.

The Company's Wharf is situated in front of the New Western Market, opposite the old Harbour Office.

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SHID ON S.S. CO., LD.,

No. 1, Queen's Road West.

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CHARGEURS REUNIS.

(FRENCH STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

(ALL ROUND THE WORLD LINE).

REGULAR FREIGHT SERVICE

TO

SAN FRANCISCO, MEXICO, PERU,

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The steamers of the CHARGEURS REUNIS Co. proceed from YOKOHAMA DIRECT to SAN FRANCISCO, without any call en route thus affording a fast regular cargo-boat service from China and Japan to San Francisco.

THE Steamship

"P. A. LAPICQUE & CO.,

Agents at Hongkong,

No. 1, Queen's Building,

Telephone 99.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1910.

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Shipping—Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras and Mauritius.

THE Steamship

"ARRATON APOAR,"

Capt. A. Stewart, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 5th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1910.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras and Mauritius.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APOAR,"

Captain G. F. Hudson, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 8th February, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1910.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship

"ALDENHAM,"

Captain Hood, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 8th February, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

The Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in stateroom.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1910.

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HONGKONG—BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

AMERICAN-ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast.)

S.S. "MUNCASTER CASTLE" 15th Feb.

For Freight and further information, apply to—

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1910.

SHARE QUOTATIONS

Supplied by Messrs. R. S. KADOORIN & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT		LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE DIVIDEND AT PRESENT QUOTATIONS BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
				RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.			
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$225	\$125	{ \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 }	\$2,001,819	{Interim of £2 for account 1909 @ ex 1/9th = \$22.72	4 %	{509 1/2 sellers London £99.5/8
Nation Bank of China, Limited	99,925	47	46	{ \$4,000 \$300,000 }	\$30,852	\$2 (London 1/6) for 1909	...	\$7 1/2 buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,500,000 \$154,183 \$102,791 \$181,000 }	none	\$10 for 1908	7 %	\$14 1/2 sales
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	45	45	{ Tls. 221,000 Tls. 215,253 Tls. 146,366 \$1,000,000 }	Tls. 207,573	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1908	...	Tls. 113 buyers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$100,000 \$105,749 \$682,500 }	\$2,464,902	{Final of \$17 making \$27 for 1907 and interim of 1/2 for 1908	12 1/2 %	\$210 sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	{ \$1,000,000 \$204,405 \$199,264 }	\$77,627	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1907	7 %	\$210 buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	70,000	\$100	\$20	{ \$1,000,000 \$438,668 \$138,302 }	\$375,341	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1907	7 %	\$118 sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,431,172 }	1,068,712	\$27 for 1907	7 1/2 %	\$35 1/2 sellers
SHIPPING.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$15	{ \$7,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 }	\$1,085	\$1 for 1906	...	\$8 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 }	Nil.	24 for year ending 30.6.1908	...	\$3 1/2 sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$21,770	Interim of 1/4 for account 1909	7 1/2 %	\$30 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred) ..	60,000	45	45	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$13,755	{6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/16 = \$3.154	...	\$6 1/2 buyers
Do. (Preferred)	60,000	45	45	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$13,755	{Final of 2/- for 1908 and interim of 1/- for a/c 1909	...	68 1/2 sales
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	200,000	10	10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$68,827	{\$1.00 for year ending 10.4.1909	4 %	\$25 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	10	10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$8,721	{\$.50 for year ending 10.4.1909	3 1/2 %	\$14
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$350,000 \$56,848 }	Dr. \$5,958	\$5 for year ending 31.12.08	3 1/2 %	\$18
Lux Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	51	100	{ none }	Dr. \$15,891	\$3 for 1897	...	\$11 sales
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000 }	Tls. 6.00	Tls. 10 for year ending 31.8.09	...	Tls. 410 sales
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	1	1	{ \$175,000 \$11,289 }	11.48	Final of 1/6 making 3/- for 1909	7 %	Tls. 17 sales
Headwaters Mining Company	60,000	10	10	{ none }	none	First year	...	Pr. 10 1/2
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	1	18 1/2	{ \$4 1/2 }	Dr. 2.191	No. 12 of 1/- = 12 cents	...	\$11 buyers
50,000	1	1						
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Fenwick (Gen.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$18,926 }	Dr. \$7,421	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	...	\$10
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$55	\$50	{ \$550,000 \$26,806 \$40,000 \$86,442 }	\$10,108	None	...	\$81 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	55	50	{ \$22,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	\$145,162	Interim of 1/4 for account 1909	...	\$11 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 697,257 Tls. 500,000 }	Tls. 6,461	Interim of Tls. 24 for 1910	6 1/2 %	Tls. 82 buyers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	38,000	Tls. 12	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 125,000 }	Tls. 12,828	Final of Tls. 6 making Tls. 20 for 1908	7 %	Tls. 125 sales
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 1	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 15,000 Tls. 31,000 }	Tls. 4,134	Tls. 6 for year ending 29.2.09	5 1/2 %	Tls. 206 sales
Central Buses, Limited	50,123	515	515	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$24,641	{\$.20 on old and 60 cents on first new issue. Interim of \$1.40 on old and 40 cents on new shares for account 1909	...	\$16 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	55	55	{ \$64,977 \$14,018 }	\$19,272	...	...	\$13 new buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$50	\$1	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$26,475	Interim of 1/4 for account 1909	6 1/2 %	\$9 1/2 ex div.
Humphreys, Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	51	510	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$5,886	60 cents for 1908	7 1/2 %	\$7 sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	{ none }	\$278	\$14 for 1908	5 %	\$18 buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 1,531,045 Tls. 1,000,000 }	Tls. 142,404	Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1909	6 1/2 %	Tls. 117 1/2
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	{ Tls. 300,000 }	Tls. 1,968	Interim of 12 for account 1909	8 1/2 %	\$12 ex div.
COTTON MILLS.								
Kwo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 51	{ Tls. 150,000 Tls. 40,098 }	15.1091	Tls. 22 for year ending 31.10.09	8 1/2 %	Tls. 131 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	510	511	{ Tls. 40,098 Tls. 40,098 }	\$9,552	51 cents for year ending 31.7.08	...	\$4 sales
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	{ Tls. 175,000 }	Tls. 8,372	Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.9.06	...	Tls. 63
Laouk Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ none }	Tls. 4,829	Tls. 4 for 1908	...	Tls. 80
Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 11,172 }	Tls. 15,921	Tls. 5 for 1906	...	Tls. 400
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Hell's Angels Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12 1/2	12 1/2	{ \$1,500 \$1,500 \$1,500 }	\$648	15 % per share for 1908	...	\$10
China-Luxon Company, Limited	60,000	512	512	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	Nil.	\$.20 for 1908	10 %	\$12
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	510	510	{ none }	\$61,258	50 cents for year ended 28.2.06	...	\$41 buyers
Do. special shares	50,000	511	511	{ none }	\$2,407	80 cents for 1908	8 1/2 %	\$41 buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	510	511	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$1,897	\$1.20 for year ending 31.7.09	8 1/2 %	\$16 buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	57 1/2	56	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$3,756	Interim of 35 cents for account 1909	10 %	\$710 buyers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	510	510	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$670	8 cents for year ending 31.12.08	8 %	\$12
H. Price & Co., Limited	12,000	510	510	{ none }	...	...	...	...
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	510	511	{ none }	\$5295	\$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.09	6 %	\$20 buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	525	525	{ none }	\$7516	Interim of \$1 for account 1909	10 %	\$175 sales
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	510	510	{ \$150,000 \$20,000 }	\$8790	Interim of \$1 for account 1909	8 1/2 %	\$21 sales
Maatschappij tot Mijl. Bosc. en Landbouw pluistic in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	{ Tls. 547,500 Tls. 61,924 }	Tls. 316,682	{Final of Tls. 12 and bonus of Tls. 7 1/2 for 1909	...	Tls. 7,010 sales
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	510	510	{ \$10,000 \$10,000 }	\$204	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.09	6 %	{511 \$140
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	510	510	{ none }	18,640	None	3 %	\$10 buyers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	{ Tls. 14,810 Tls. 7,000 }	Tls. 5,250	Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	4 1/2 %	Tls. 147 buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	525	525	{ none }	Dr. \$56,602	None	...	\$21 sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	525	51	{ none }	\$63	40 cents for year ending 31.5.09	7 %	\$41
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	510	510	{ none }	\$172	60 cents for year ending 31.12.08	5 %	\$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	510	51	{ \$40,000 }	\$342	60 cents period. share for year ending 31.5.09	6 1/2 %	\$111 buyers
Watson (S.S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	510	511	{ \$300,000 \$5,000 }	\$2,613	Final of 30 cents for 1908	6 1/2 %	\$7
William Powell, Limited	15,000	57	57	{ none }	\$782	Final of 20 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	...	\$3 sellers
RUBBERS.								
Allagar Rubber Estates	750,000	2 1/2	2 1/2	{ none }	none	None	...	5 1/2 buyers
Anglo-Malay Rubber Company, Limited (fully paid) ..	1,500,000	2 1/2	2 1/2	{ none }	none	Interim of 1 1/2 % for account 1909	...	23
Balgownie Rubber Estate, Limited	20,000	510	510	{ \$7,400 }	\$11.05	45 % interim for 1909	...	\$25 buyers
Castlefield Rubber Estate, Limited	25,000	510	510	{ none }	none	2 1/2 for 1909	...	80
Damansara (Selangor) Rubber Co.	110,000	511	511	{ none }	2,220	None	...	100 ex div.
Golconda A.M. Rubber Co.	80,000	511	511	{ none }	none	None	...	84
Highland & Lowland Para Rubber Co. (fully paid) ..	181,454	511	511	{ none }	none	7 1/2 2nd interim for 1909	...	\$9 1/2 nominal
Do. (contributory)	123,547	511	511	{ none }	none	...	...	71
Kamuning (Perak) Rubber Co. & Co.	(950,000)	511	511	{ none }	none	...	...	nominal
Do. A Shares	...	511	511	{ none }	none	...	...	23 1/2
Do. B Shares	...	511	511	{ none }	none	Interim of 60 % for 1909	...	37 nominal
Kuala Lumpur Rubber Co., Limited	180,000	511	511	{ none }	180	None	...	60 sales
Linggi Plantations, Limited (ordinary)	900,000	511	511	{ none }	180	20 % for year ending 31.6.08	...	23 1/2
Do. (7 1/2 % pref.)	10,000	511	511	{ \$4,000 }	none	Interim of 40 %—pd. for account 1909	...	20 1/2
Ledbury Rubber Estates, Limited	6,000	511	511	{ none }	none	None	...	23 1/2
Do. (contributory)	...	511	511	{ none }	none	None	...	23 1/2
Saggy Rubber Company, Limited	40,000	511	511	{ none }	none	Interim of 60 % for 1909	...	23 1/2
Sandycroft Rubber Company	20,000	511	511	{ \$30,000 }	\$1,775	None	...	23 1/2
Sekong Rubber Company, Limited	50,000	511	12 1/2	{ none }	none	1 % for 1908	...	25 1/2 sales
Shelford Rubber Estate Limited	65,000	511	511	{ none }	1835	None	...	45
Singapore & Johore Rubber Company, Limited	2,100	5100	5100	{ none }	none	None	...	54 1/2
Sungei Chua Rubber Estate Company, Limited	45,000	511	511	{ none }	none	None	...	70
Sungei Kapar Rubber Company	110,000	511	511	{ none }	2,448	7 1/2 % interim for 1909	...	20 1/2

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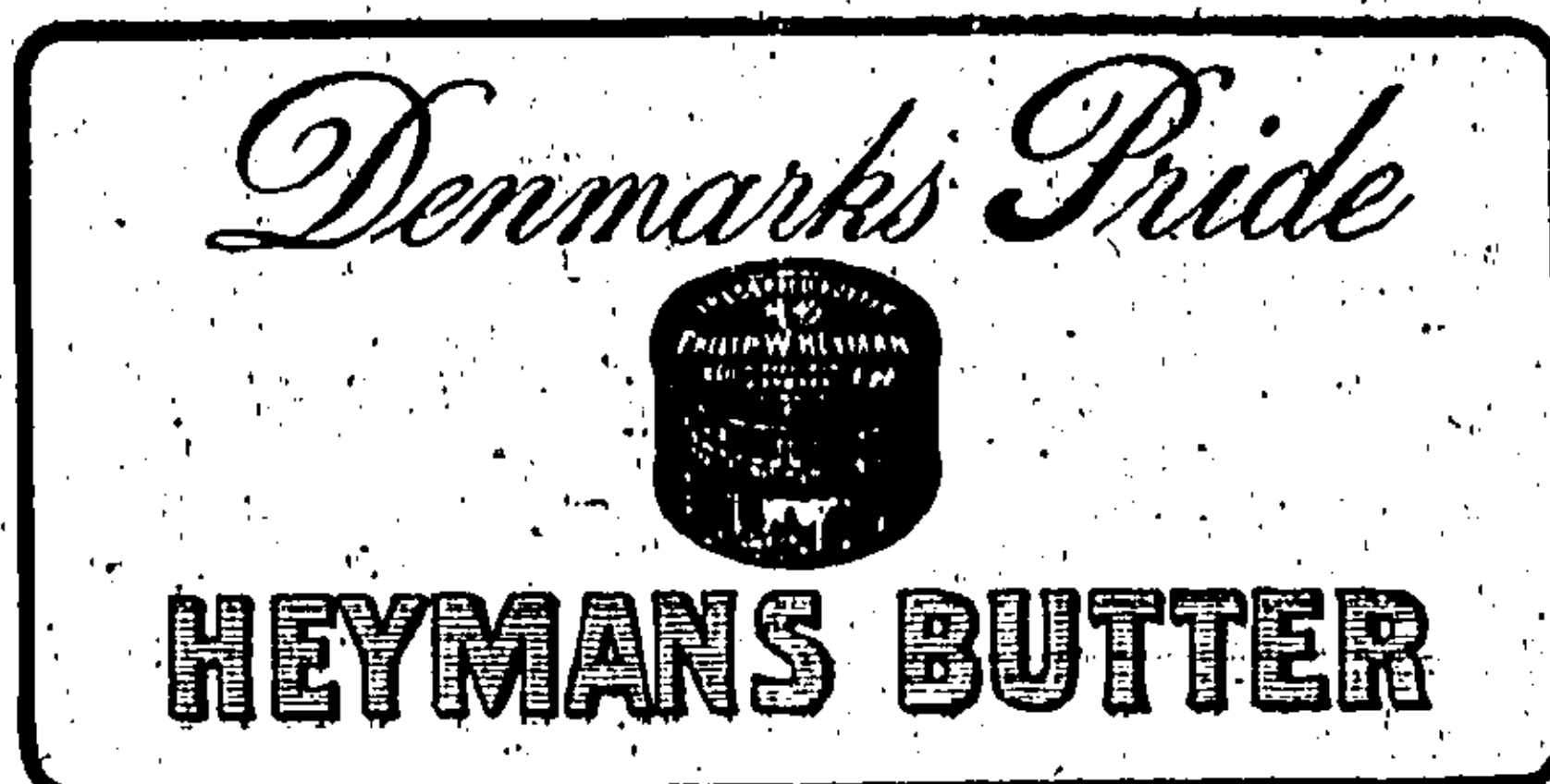
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